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REMARKS

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 120, the specification has been amended to properly define the continuity relationship between the present application Applicant's previously filed International Patent Application No. PCT/CA2003/001044 filed July 11, 2003, and its parent United States Patent Application No. .10/262,944 (McNicol et al.) entitled "Electrical Domain Compensation of Optical Dispersion in an Optical Communications System" filed on October 3, 2002.

Clearly, no new subject matter has been introduced.

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